

REMARKS

The Applicants kindly request the Examiner to enter the instant election/amendment, which includes a complete listing of all of the pending claims. Claims 1-11 and 18-26 are elected in response to a restriction and remain pending in this application. Claims 12-17 are canceled without prejudice or waiver in the present election/amendment. Applicants respectfully request consideration of all pending claims.

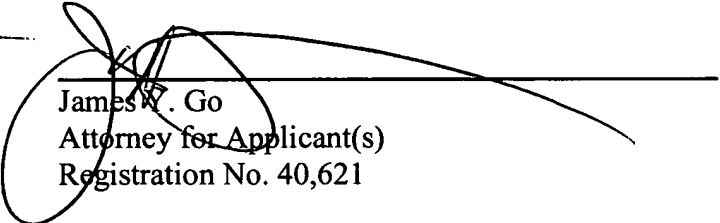
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Respectfully submitted,

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